tain information/clarifications has been called for from the State Government, which is still awaited.

In addition to the above scheme, the Department of Health has also a proposal for seeking World Bank assistance for strengthening of quality of medical education in the country and improving the physical infrastructure of the Government Medical Colleges and the attached hospitals. Proposals in this regard have been received from the Governments of Gujarat,. Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Kerala, NCT of Delhi and UT of Chandigarh. The proposals are under examination for posing to World Bank for assistance.

Memorandum from All India Newspaper Employees Federation

*192. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the All India Newspaper Employees Federation against the move to allow foreign investment in the print-media;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to protect the interest of the domestic print media sector?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Federation has opposed the decision to allow foreign investment in Print Media on the grounds that it will affect the national interest of the country, jeopardize the future of small and medium newspapers, create unemployment among newspaper and news agency staff and has asked how it could be said that with 25 per cent stake the foreign investor would not influence policies in the newspapers they control.

(c) The guidelines provide for adequate safeguards that address all the concerns expressed in the memorandum. Foreign investment in Print Media is not likely to adversely impact on the working of small and medium newspapers.

Shortage of Doctors and Nurses in AIIMS

†*193. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the order passed by High Court seven years ago and the recommendations of the Committee of the other House for removing the shortage of Doctors and Nurses in the AIIMS have been implemented;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.